

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fastener including:-

a longitudinal body;

a first work engaging member mounted on the longitudinal body and adapted for movement relative thereto towards a work to be engaged;

a second work engaging member associated with the longitudinal body; and

means ~~on the longitudinal body~~ for adjusting position of the first work engaging member on the longitudinal body,

the second work engaging member including means for ~~capable of~~ assuming a first position of narrow cross-sectional area and a second position of wide cross-sectional area.

2. (Original) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the first work engaging member is a pressure foot mounted on the longitudinal body and adapted to be urged towards work surfaces which are to be trapped between the first work engaging member and the second work engaging member.

3. (Previously Amended) The fastener of Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the second work engaging member is mounted on or attached to or integral with the longitudinal body.

4. (Previously Amended) The fastener of Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the second work engaging member is integral with, or joined to, the first work engaging member.

5. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the means for adjusting position ~~capable of assuming the first and second positions includes wings or leaves~~ is deformable.
6. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the ~~position~~ adjusting means for adjusting position includes ratchet teeth and a pawl.
7. (Original) The fastener of Claim 6, wherein the ratchet teeth are on the longitudinal body.
8. (Currently Amended) The fastener of Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the pawl is formed integrally with the first work engaging ~~means~~ member.
9. (Previously Amended) The fastener ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 8, wherein the first work engaging member, the second work engaging member and the pawl element are made in one piece or are in a fixed spatial relationship.
10. (Previously Amended) The fastener ~~as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the second work engaging member is connected to or integral with the longitudinal body.
11. (Withdrawn) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~, which includes means for attaching one or more elements.
12. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 11, wherein a cable tie is integrated with the first work engaging member.
13. (Withdrawn) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 12~~ when mounted in or formed with a feeder strip.

14. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A method of fastening work surfaces using the fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~, the method including the steps of:

inserting the second work engaging member into an aperture in the work surfaces;
causing ~~the means~~ for adjusting position included in the second work engaging member to assume the second position of wide cross-sectional area;
using the ~~position-adjusting means~~ for adjusting position to cause the first work engaging member to move on the longitudinal body towards the work surfaces so that the work surfaces are held in desired contact between the first and second work engaging members; ~~and~~
~~optionally removing substantially all of the longitudinal body accessible beyond the first work engaging member and the position changing means.~~

15. (Withdrawn) A method of removing the fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ from work surfaces fastened by the fastener, the method including the steps of:

causing the second work engaging member to assume the first position of narrow cross-sectional area; and
withdrawing the fastener from the aperture in the work surfaces.

16. (Currently Amended) A fastener including:

a first longitudinal body having first ~~engaging~~ means for engaging; and

a second longitudinal body having:

an opening adapted to receive the first longitudinal body; and

second ~~engaging~~ means for engaging in at least part of the opening;

wherein the first and/or second ~~engaging~~ means for engaging is adapted to deform sufficiently to permit the first longitudinal body to slide axially through the opening

in the second longitudinal body and wherein the second ~~engaging~~ means for engaging is adapted to engage the first ~~engaging~~ means for engaging on the first longitudinal body ~~when one longitudinal body is rotated relatively to the other.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The fastener of Claim 16 which includes means for ~~capable of~~ assuming a first position of narrow cross-sectional area and a second position of wide cross-sectional area.
18. (Currently Amended) The fastener of Claim 17; in which the means for ~~capable of~~ assuming the first and second position is part of or attached to the second longitudinal body.
19. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 16 to 18~~, in which the first and second ~~engaging~~ means for engaging permit unidirectional movement of the first longitudinal body within the second longitudinal body.
20. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 16 to 19~~, wherein the first longitudinal body includes the first ~~engaging~~ means for engaging some or all of its length.
21. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 16 to 20~~, wherein the first ~~engaging~~ means for engaging is a helical thread or serrations or grooves, each having a shoulder adapted to engage a barb or shoulder in the second engaging means.
22. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 17 to 21~~ wherein the second longitudinal body is substantially cylindrical and the means ~~capable of~~ for assuming the first position of narrow cross-sectional area and the second position of wide

cross-sectional area comprises a continuation of the cylinder, the cylinder being partially segmented.

23. (Currently Amended) The fastener of Claim 22, wherein the means for assuming the first position are ~~wings~~ deformable and hinged to the cylinder.
24. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 16 to 23~~, wherein the second ~~engaging~~ means for engaging takes the form of threads or annular grooves and projections, adapted to deform and increase in cross-sectional area through longitudinal slits cut into the threads or grooves and projections.
25. (Currently Amended) The fastener of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13 or 16 to 24~~, wherein one end of the longitudinal body is adapted to engage an insertion tool and the other end is a probe.
- 26-34. (Cancelled)